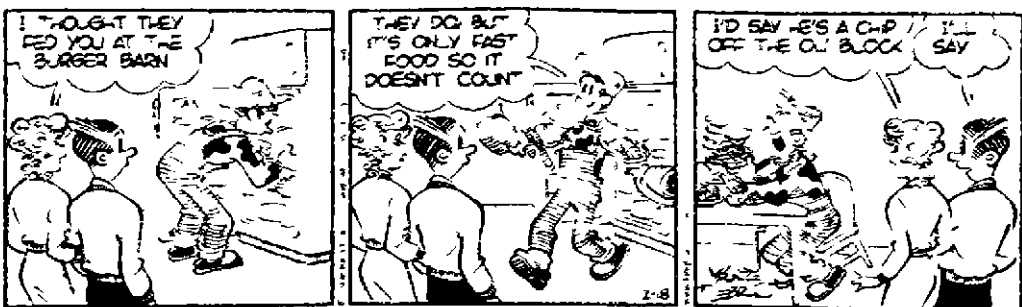


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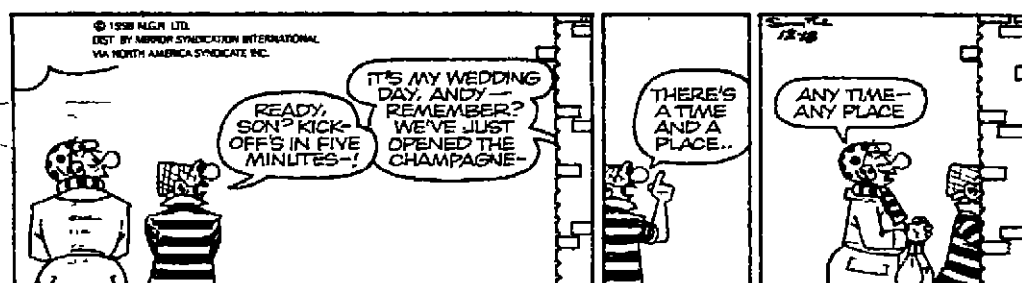
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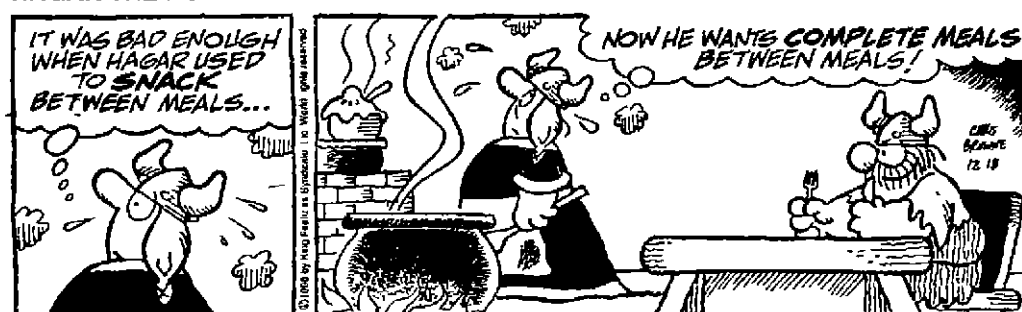
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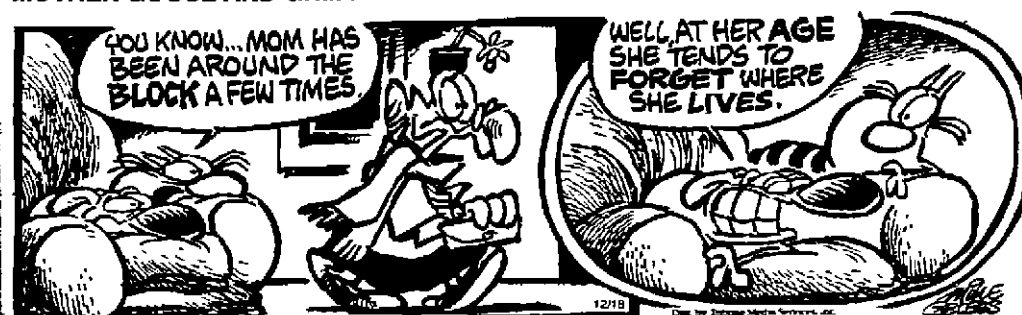
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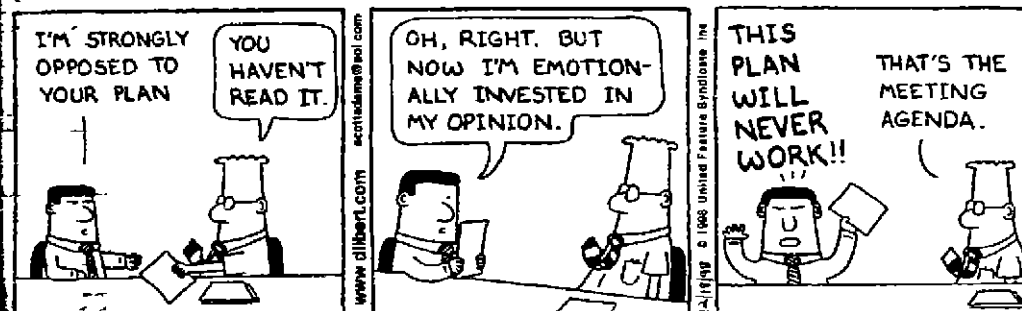
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



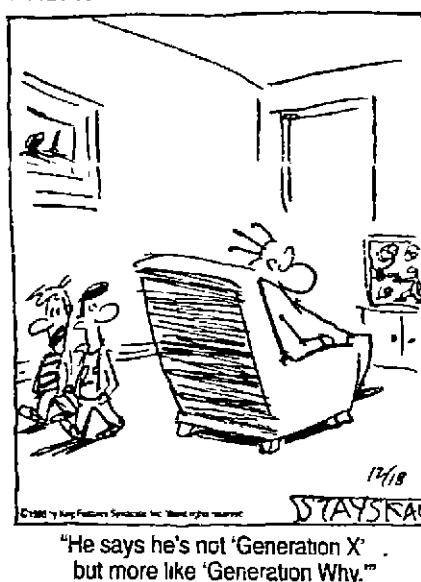
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Ossie Davis is 81. Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 71. Actor Roger Smith is 66. Blues musician Lonnie Brooks is 65. Rock singer-musician Keith Richards is 55. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 52. Movie director Gillian Armstrong (nm) ("My Brilliant Career") is 48. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 48. Actor Ray Liotta is 43. Actor Brad Pitt is 35.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 95-105 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Dec. 19, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't let work-related issues swallow up so much of your attention that you neglect your loved ones.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Someone might be watching over your shoulder, so don't take an easy shortcut.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While an issue seems incredibly vital to you, it is likely that it is barely perceptible to everyone else.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Whether an event goes well or poorly will depend entirely on your attitude.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Status and career are suddenly first and foremost on your agenda.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You sparkle with your remarkable suggestions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Try to maintain neutral ground when caught in the middle of an emotional cross-fire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You have a persuasive influence with those who make the really big decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your bank account suddenly blossoms much to your great surprise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Let your feelings be known to someone special, and the results will really delight you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Do your best to keep your hopes high but your expectations realistic.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Try not to be so harsh in your assessments of people.

WORD SLEUTH

—Case

LLIEBYVVSQNKHEBY
WTUREOLJGEBYWUR
YHYPOTHETICALPN
KRIGPSTDBIIZAXV
STLAREDEFQVONMK
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Thursday's unlisted clue: HOWE.
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: OPPOSITE OF LOWER.

Basket	Court	Jewelry	Specific
Best	Criminal	Legal	Test
Cigarette	Federal	Lower	Worst
Civil	Hypothetical	Seminar	

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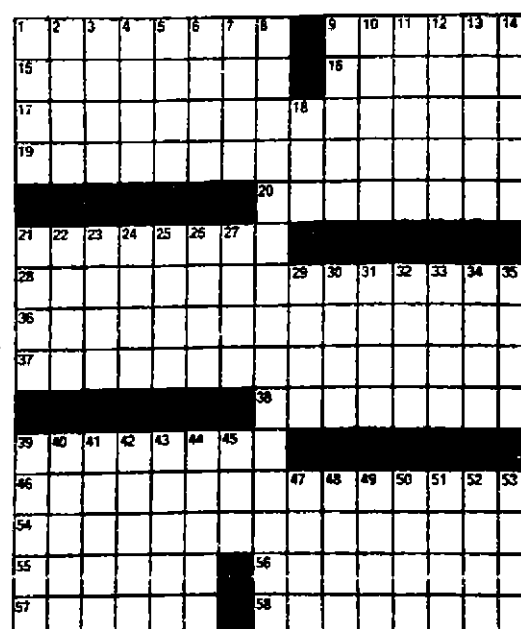
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1106

- ACROSS**
- 1 It'll give you an even split
 - 2 Hello and goodbye
 - 3 "Heat" star, 1995
 - 4 European capital
 - 5 Was taught how to do something
 - 6 Result of a buyout, perhaps
 - 7 Some hummingbirds
 - 8 Humble beginning
 - 9 Vice President under Grover Cleveland
 - 10 Extended patience, perhaps
 - 11 Get all gussied up
 - 12 Lesser Spanish noblemen
 - 13 Revolver feature, perhaps
 - 14 Academic settings
 - 15 They're likely to come to blows
 - 16 1964 Hitchcock thriller
 - 17 Channel surfer's locale, maybe
 - 18 — Indian
 - 19 Superfluous
- DOWN**
- 1 Make a bundle
 - 2 Intestinal parts
 - 3 Wrangle
 - 4 Lady's man
 - 5 Only same-year N.C.A.A. and N.I.T. tourney winner (1950)
 - 6 Piece of cake?
 - 7 French wave
 - 8 Despicable
 - 9 About 1.3 cubic yards
 - 10 Engaging individual
 - 11 Pervasive quality
 - 12 Place for a pin
 - 13 Incessantly
 - 14 Standard bearers
 - 15 "It Must Be"
 - 16 "The Carpetbaggers" co-star 1964
 - 17 Sure target
 - 18 Bond, but not James Bond
 - 19 They're called on account of rain
 - 20 Troubles
 - 21 Shade of red
 - 22 "And what rare as
 - 23 Precollege
 - 24 Fought
 - 25 Peak near Paterno
 - 26 Clip-and-file item
 - 27 Community event

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SOFTBOILED AMAD
IFYOUCOKE BALE
PLOWSHARES ANTE
PADS EVE KATIE
ETO ARENA REARS
RERAN TIE CEE
BAA ETNA AGE
ASMURFWHATCOLOR
RHO CAYS LOU
FOR HRE DRAWN
SWAMI SLOPE VIE
BLOCS ABA PEPE
FOIL UNDERMINED
LAZE DOESITTURN
UTES STRESSTEST



Puzzle by Bob Kuhn

- 34 Treat with milk
- 35 Stack part
- 36 No-goodnik
- 37 Suitable for extreme dieters
- 38 Sound beginning?
- 39 Buckwheat pancakes
- 40 "Mighty Lak a Rose" composer
- 41 Architectural moldings
- 42 Unspecified no
- 43 One of the sisters in "Sisters"
- 44 Year in the reign of Edward I
- 45 Blanch
- 46 French part of the U.S.A.
- 47 Offspring
- 48 A really big shoe
- 49 C.I.S. members once

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